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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

The Area of your District is 15,625 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 3,944.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,198.

The Rateable Value is £15,190, which produces a Penny Rate, £60 : 16 : 0 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population.
		43	15	28	11.1
Live Births	Legitimate	43	15	28	11.1
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Still Births	Legitimate	5	2	3	104.6 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		58	24	34	14.7 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Rate
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	2	45.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	2	45.4
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	none	none

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.
No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	6
,, Measles (all ages)	none
,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	none
,, Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	none

Causes of Death were :—

Pneumonia	2	Diabetes	1
Bronchitis	2	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	4
Cancer	6	Heart Disease	22
Violence	4	Other Circulatory Diseases	6
Premature Birth	2	Other Defined Diseases	4
		Acute and Chronic Nephritis	5

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurse and the School Medical Officer. The M.O.H. is in charge of the Child Welfare Clinic and is assisted by the District Nurse.

The total number of attendances at the Child Welfare Clinic, which meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, was 195 under one year of age, and 388 between 1 and 5 years of age.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurse attends cases in the homes were necessary, except in infectious cases.

The Isolation Hospital Scheme is under consideration still, infectious cases being meantime nursed in the homes, or when conditions are unsuitable are sent to Scarborough Fever Hospital.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1939.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	132
,, ,, ,, Housing Acts	48
,, ,, to Slaughter Houses	79
,, ,, ,, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops	57
,, ,, Conversions to Water Carriage System	17
,, ,, to Works in Progress	159
,, ,, ,, Shops	31
Drainage Systems Improved or Renewed	29
Drains Inspected and Tested	34
,, Found Satisfactory	31
,, ,, Defective	3

Shops and Offices.

Improved Sanitary accommodation has been provided to 4 Shops including improved Ventilation and Lighting.

Public Cleansing.

Little re-adjustment has been found necessary with the existing arrangements which are carried out by the Council's Motor Vehicle aud direct labour. Very few complaints have been received and the system seems to work very satisfactorily.

Camping Sites.

No Licenses have been issued.

Smoke Abatement.

No action has been found necessary.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The Council's Swimming Bath previously used, mainly by school children, has not been used as the premises were required for other purposes.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

There have been no cases of bug infestation and occasional flea infested houses have been dealt with by spraying with insecticide and fumigating with sulphur.

Meat and other Foods.

The following is a list of condemnations :—

1 Whole Carcase Beef	Tuberculosis
1 ,, ,, ,,	Fevered and High Blood Content
3 Sheep	Emaciation and Oedematous
3 Pigs	Tuberculosis

A large number of visits have been made and a good deal of work has been carried out in conjunction with the Military and Civil Defence Authorities, and this to a certain extent affected the routine duties of the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.
Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox ...	none		none
Scarlet Fever ...	8	3	none
Diphtheria ...	none		none
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ...	none		none
Purperal Fever ...	1		none
Purperal Pyrexia ...	2		none
Pneumonia ...	none		none
Erysepelas ...	1		none

Cancer.

6 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 1 being a male and 5 females. The ages were from 44 to 85.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1939 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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1 ...	...		. .		...		...	
5 ...	...		...		...		...	
15 ...	...		1		...		...	
25 ...	...		...		...		...	
35 ...	...		...		...		...	
45 ...	...		...		...		...	
55 ...	...		.		...		...	
65 & upwards	...		. .		...		...	
Totals ...			1		none		none	

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

THOS. J. MUIR,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Urban District.